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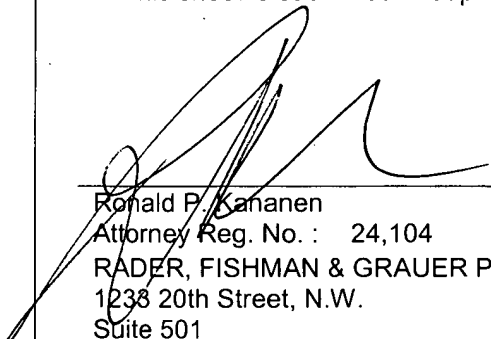
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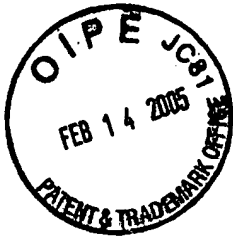
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APPELLANT'S BRIEF

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is an Appeal Brief under 37 C.F.R. §41.37 appealing the final decision of the Examiner dated October 14, 2004. Each of the topics required by 37 C.F.R. §41.37 is presented herewith and is labeled appropriately.

This brief is in furtherance of the Final Office Action on October 14, 2004.

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I. REAL PARTY IN INTEREST

Sony Corporation of Tokyo, Japan ("Sony") is the real party in interest of the present application. An assignment of all rights in the present application to Sony was executed by the inventor and recorded by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at **reel 7914, frame 0720**.

II. RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

There are no other appeals or interferences which will directly affect or be directly affected by or have a bearing on the Board's decision in this appeal.

III. STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-7 (canceled);

Claims 8-26 (rejected);

Claim 27 (canceled);

Claims 28-38 (rejected);

Claim 39 (canceled);

Claims 40-71 (rejected).

IV. STATUS OF AMENDMENTS

Subsequent to the final rejection of October 14, 2004, no Amendment After Final Action (37 CFR Section 1.116) has been filed.

V. SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

The present invention relates to a video printer having a video camera detachably attached to the printer. The video camera is electrically coupled to the video printer, and a user can operate the video camera and the video printer by use of operation systems 8, 9 disposed on the front upper surface of the video printer housing (specification at page 2, lines 19-23; page 5, lines 1-2; page 6, lines 17-20).

The video camera 6 operation system 8 includes a shuttle ring 10 for fast-forwarding or rewinding a video picture displayed on the picture screen of a liquid-crystal display monitor 7 (specification at page 6, lines 21-27; page 7, lines 1-4).

The video printer 1 operation system 9 includes a memory button 14 for storing a video picture of the video camera 6 in the memory of the video printer 1, a memory picture button 15 for accessing the video picture stored in the memory of the video printer 1, an input picture button 16 for entering video data indicative of the video picture into the memory of the video printer 1 and a print button 17 for energizing the video printer 1 (specification at page 7, lines 5-16).

To print out a video picture, the user, using the operation system 8, selects the video picture to be printed. The user prints out the selected image by operating the video printer 1 using the operation system 9 (specification at page 8, lines 14-19). Both operation systems 8, 9 are conveniently located on the printer housing.

VI. GROUNDS OF REJECTION TO BE REVIEWED ON APPEAL

The issues presented for consideration in this appeal are as follows:

Whether the Examiner erred in rejecting claims 40-43, 45-54, 56-61, 63-68 and 70-71 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,926,285 to Takahashi in view of U.S. Patent 5,559,554 to Uekane et al. (Uekane).

Whether the Examiner erred in rejecting claims 44, 55, 62 and 69 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being obvious over Takahashi in view of Uekane and in view of U.S. Patent 4,937,676 to Finelli et al. (Finelli).

Whether the Examiner erred in rejecting claims 8-20, 25-26, 29 and 31-38 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being obvious over Takahashi in view of Uekane.

Whether the Examiner erred in rejecting claims 21-24 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being obvious over Takahashi in view of Uekane, and in further view of U.S. Patent 4,507,689 to Kozuki et al. (Kozuki).

Whether the Examiner erred in rejecting claims 28 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being obvious over Takahashi in view of Uekane, and in further view of Finelli.

These issues will be discussed hereinbelow.

VII. ARGUMENT

In the Final Office Action of October 14, 2004:

The Examiner erred in rejecting claims 40-43, 45-54, 56-61, 63-68 and 70-71 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being obvious over Takahashi in view of Uekane.

The Examiner erred in rejecting claims 44, 55, 62 and 69 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being obvious over Takahashi in view of Uekane and in view of Finelli.

The Examiner erred in rejecting claims 8-20, 25-26, 29 and 31-38 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being obvious over Takahashi in view of Uekane.

The Examiner erred in rejecting claims 21-24 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being obvious over Takahashi in view of Uekane, and in further view of Kozuki.

The Examiner erred in rejecting claims 28 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being obvious over Takahashi in view of Uekane, and in further view of Finelli.

For at least the following reasons, Appellant submits that these rejections are both technically and legally unsound and should therefore be reversed.

Grouping of claims

Claims 8-26, 28-38 and 40-71 are currently pending in this application, with claims 8, 40, 47, 58 and 65 being independent. For purposes of the issues presented by this appeal:

Claims 40-43, 45-54, 56-57 stand or fall together.

Claims 44, 55 stand or fall together

Claims 58-61, 63-68 and 70-71 stand or fall together.

Claims 62, 69 stand or fall together.

Claims 8-20, 25-26, 29 and 31-38 stand or fall together.

Claims 21-24 stand or fall together.

Claim 28 stands or falls alone.

Claim 30 stands or falls alone.

The arguments set forth in the following section provide reasons why these claims are considered patentable, 37 C.F.R. §41.37(c)(1)(vii).

The Examiner erred in rejecting claims 40-43, 45-54, 56-61, 63-68 and 70-71 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being obvious over Takahashi in view of Uekane.

This rejection is traversed at least for the following reasons.

Claims 40-43, 45-54, 56-57

Claims 41-43 and 45-46 are dependent upon claim 40. Claim 40 includes the features of:

a printer housing portion having a camera station for attaching a camera to said printer housing portion, said camera having a display device for displaying a picture, said display device being incorporated within said camera;

a printer mechanism incorporated within said printer housing portion for outputting a physical reproduction of said picture; and

an operation system incorporated within said printer housing portion for controlling said camera attached to said camera station to select said picture for display on said display device, and for controlling said printer mechanism to output a physical reproduction of said selected picture.

Claims 48-54, 56-57 are dependent upon claim 47. Claim 47 includes the features of:

a printer housing portion having a camera station for attaching a camera to said printer housing portion, said camera having a display device for displaying a picture, said display device being incorporated within said camera;

a printer mechanism incorporated within said printer housing portion for outputting a physical reproduction of said picture; and

an operation system incorporated within said printer housing portion for controlling said camera attached to said camera station to select said picture from a plurality of pictures recorded by said camera as continuous motion images for display on said

display device, and for controlling said printer mechanism to output a physical reproduction of said selected picture.

Figures 19A and 19B of Takahashi arguably teaches an image reproduction system for reproducing a still image from a video having a video recording/reproducing apparatus (VTR) 201, a monitor 202, and a video printer 203 (Takahashi at column 15, lines 24-27).

Takahashi arguably teaches that the operation unit 230 is able to control the printing operation and the operation of the VTR (Takahashi at figures 19A and B, and column 15, lines 34-37). Takahashi arguably teaches that the VTR 201 comprises a camera integrated VTR 211 (Takahashi at column 15, line 28), and that an operator operates the camera integrated VTR 211 by the operation unit 230 provided for the printer while observing an image displayed on the monitor device 202 (Takahashi at column 18, lines 17-21).

The claims include an operation system incorporated within the printer housing portion for controlling the camera attached to the camera station to select the picture from a plurality of pictures recorded by the camera as continuous motion images for display on the display device, and for controlling the printer mechanism to output a physical reproduction of the selected picture.

However, the Final Office Action admits on page 3 that Takahashi fails to explicitly state that the display device 302 of Takahashi is incorporated within the video camera. Thus, all claimed features are absent from within Takahashi.

Uekane has been cited within the Final Office Action for the features deficient within Takahashi. Uekane arguably teaches a monitor screen-integrated video camera having a camera portion 1 and a monitor portion 2 (Uekane at figure 7). In addition, Uekane arguably teaches operation switches 18 on the monitor portion 2 (Uekane at figure 12).

But Uekane fails to disclose, teach or suggest the monitor portion 2 as being controllable from a source external to the monitor screen-integrated video camera. Thus, Uekane fails to disclose, teach or suggest a display device incorporated within a camera that is controllable from a source external to the camera.

And as previously noted, Takahashi fails to disclose, teach or suggest a display device that is incorporated within a camera.

As a result, Takahashi and Uekane, either individually or in combination, fail to disclose, teach or suggest a display device incorporated within a camera that is controllable by a system external to the camera since these features are absent from both of these references at least for the reasons provided hereinabove.

Claims 58-61, 63-68 and 70-71

Claims 59-61, 63-64 are dependent upon claim 58. Claim 58 is drawn to a method for printing a picture from a camera having a display device for displaying the picture, the method comprising:

attaching said camera to a printer housing portion of a printer;

operating a camera operation system that controls said camera to select said picture for display on said display device; and

operating a printer operation system to output a physical reproduction of said selected picture from said printer,

wherein said camera operation system and said printer operation system are incorporated within said printer housing portion, and

wherein said display device is incorporated within said camera.

Claims 65-68 and 70-71 are dependent upon claim 65. Claim 65 is drawn to a method for printing a picture from a camera having a display device for displaying the picture, the method comprising:

attaching said camera to a printer housing portion of a printer;

operating a camera operation system that controls said camera to select said picture from a plurality of pictures recorded by said camera as continuous motion images for display on said display device; and

operating a printer operation system to output a physical reproduction of said selected picture from said printer,

wherein said camera operation system and said printer operation system are incorporated within said printer housing portion, and

wherein said display device is incorporated within said camera.

Figures 19A and 19B of Takahashi arguably teaches an image reproduction system for reproducing a still image from a video having a video recording/reproducing apparatus (VTR) 201, a monitor 202, and a video printer 203 (Takahashi at column 15, lines 24-27).

Takahashi arguably teaches that the operation unit 230 is able to control the printing operation and the operation of the VTR (Takahashi at figures 19A and B, and column 15, lines 34-37). Takahashi arguably teaches that the VTR 201 comprises a camera integrated VTR 211 (Takahashi at column 15, line 28), and that an operator operates the camera integrated VTR 211 by the operation unit 230 provided for the printer while observing an image displayed on the monitor device 202 (Takahashi at column 18, lines 17-21).

The claims include the step of operating a camera operation system that controls the camera to select the picture from a plurality of pictures recorded by the camera as continuous motion images for display on the display device.

However, the Final Office Action admits on page 3 that Takahashi fails to explicitly state that the display device 302 of Takahashi is incorporated within the video camera. Thus, all claimed features are absent from within Takahashi.

Uekane has been cited within the Final Office Action for the features deficient within Takahashi. Uekane arguably teaches a monitor screen-integrated video camera having a camera

portion 1 and a monitor portion 2 (Uekane at figure 7). In addition, Uekane arguably teaches operation switches 18 on the monitor portion 2 (Uekane at figure 12).

But Uekane fails to disclose, teach or suggest the monitor portion 2 as being controllable from a source external to the monitor screen-integrated video camera. Thus, Uekane fails to disclose, teach or suggest a display device incorporated within a camera that is controllable from a source external to the camera.

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The Examiner erred in rejecting claims 44, 55, 62 and 69 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being obvious over Takahashi in view of Uekane and in view of Finelli.

Claims 44, 55

This rejection is traversed at least for the reasons provided hereinabove with respect to claims 40-43, 45-54, 56-57 and at least for the following reasons.

Claim 44 is dependent upon claim 40 and claim 55 is dependent upon claim 47. Within independent claims 40 and 47 the display device is incorporated within the camera.

Finelli has been cited for the features deficient within Takahashi and Uekane.

While Finelli arguably discloses an electronic camera system with a detachable printer 14 (Finelli at figure 1), Finelli fails to disclose, teach or suggest the claimed feature of the display device being incorporated within the video camera.

Instead, Finelli arguably teaches a display 62 incorporated within the printer 14, but fails to disclose, teach or suggest a display incorporated within the video camera 12 (Finelli at figure 1).

Withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 62, 69

This rejection is traversed at least for the reasons provided hereinabove with respect to claims 58-61, 63-68 and 70-71 and at least for the following reasons.

Claim 62 is dependent upon claim 58 and claim 69 is dependent upon claim 65. Within independent claims 58 and 65, the display device is incorporated within the camera.

Finelli has been cited for the features deficient within Takahashi and Uekane.

While Finelli arguably discloses an electronic camera system with a detachable printer 14 (Finelli at figure 1), Finelli fails to disclose, teach or suggest the claimed feature of the display device being incorporated within the video camera.

Instead, Finelli arguably teaches a display 62 incorporated within the printer 14, but fails to disclose, teach or suggest a display incorporated within the video camera 12 (Finelli at figure 1).

Withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

The Examiner erred in rejecting claims 8-20, 25-26, 29 and 31-38 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being obvious over Takahashi in view of Uekane.

This rejection is traversed at least for the following reasons.

Claims 8-20, 25-26, 29 and 31-38 are dependent upon claim 8. Claim 8 includes:

a printer housing portion, a printer mechanism and an operation system;

said printer housing portion having a connector, said connector mechanically and electrically attaching a camera to said printer housing portion;

said camera being removably connectable with said printer housing portion, said camera being adapted to operate separate and apart from said printer, a display device being incorporated within said camera;

said printer mechanism being incorporated within said printer housing portion, an image being captured by said camera; and

said operation system being incorporated within said printer housing portion, said operation system controlling said camera to select said image for exhibition on said display device as a displayed image, said operation system controlling said printer mechanism to output a physical reproduction of said displayed image.

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The claims include the operation system being incorporated within the printer housing portion, the operation system controlling the camera to select the image for exhibition on the display device as a displayed image, the operation system controlling the printer mechanism to output a physical reproduction of the displayed image.

However, the Final Office Action admits on page 3 that Takahashi fails to explicitly state that the display device 302 of Takahashi is incorporated within the video camera. Thus, all claimed features are absent from within Takahashi.

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But Uekane fails to disclose, teach or suggest the monitor portion 2 as being controllable from a source external to the monitor screen-integrated video camera. Thus, Uekane fails to disclose, teach or suggest a display device incorporated within a camera that is controllable from a source external to the camera.

And as previously noted, Takahashi fails to disclose, teach or suggest a display device that is incorporated within a camera.

As a result, Takahashi and Uekane, either individually or in combination, fail to disclose, teach or suggest a display device incorporated within a camera that is controllable by a system external to the camera since these features are absent from both of these references at least for the reasons provided hereinabove.

The Examiner erred in rejecting claims 21-24 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being obvious over Takahashi in view of Uekane, and in further view of Kozuki.

In addition to the reasons provided hereinabove with respect to the rejection of claims 8-20, 25-26, 29 and 31-38, this rejection is traversed at least for the following reasons.

Kozuki arguably teaches a component video system and arrangement for interconnecting the same having a video camera 100 (Kozuki at figure 1). However, Kozuki fails to disclose, teach or suggest a display device is incorporated within the camera 100. Instead, Kozuki depicts a TV monitor 258 separated from the video tuner 200' (Kozuki at figure 3(C)), and depicts a TV monitor 358 separated from the reproducing equipment 300' (Kozuki at figure 3(D)).

Thus, Takahashi, Uekane, and Kozuki when taken individually or as a whole, fail to disclose, teach or suggest a system incorporated within the printer housing portion that controls

the camera to select an image for exhibition on the display device that is incorporated within the camera.

Withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

The Examiner erred in rejecting claims 28 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being obvious over Takahashi in view of Uekane, and in further view of Finelli.

In addition to the reasons provided hereinabove with respect to the rejection of claims 8-20, 25-26, 29 and 31-38, this rejection is traversed at least for the following reasons.

Claim 28 is dependent upon claim 8, claim 30 is dependent upon claim 29 and claim 29 is dependent upon claim 8. Within independent claim 8, the display device is incorporated within the camera.

Finelli has been cited for the features deficient within Takahashi and Uekane.

While Finelli arguably discloses an electronic camera system with a detachable printer 14 (Finelli at figure 1), Finelli fails to disclose, teach or suggest the claimed feature of the display device being incorporated within the video camera.

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Withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

As shown hereinabove, Takahashi, Uekane, Finelli, and Kozuki, either individually or in combination, fail to disclose, teach or suggest all features of the claimed invention.

The claims are considered allowable for the same reasons discussed above, as well as for the additional features they recite.

Reversal of the Examiner's decision is respectfully requested.

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CLAIMS APPENDIX

1-7. (canceled)

8. (previously presented) A printer comprising:

a printer housing portion, a printer mechanism and an operation system;

said printer housing portion having a connector, said connector mechanically and electrically attaching a camera to said printer housing portion;

said camera being removably connectable with said printer housing portion, said camera being adapted to operate separate and apart from said printer, a display device being incorporated within said camera;

said printer mechanism being incorporated within said printer housing portion, an image being captured by said camera; and

said operation system being incorporated within said printer housing portion, said operation system controlling said camera to select said image for exhibition on said display device as a displayed image, said operation system controlling said printer mechanism to output a physical reproduction of said displayed image.

9. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 8, wherein said printer mechanism prints said displayed image on a printing paper as said physical reproduction of said displayed image.

10. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 8, wherein said operation system is used to select said image to be printed by said printer mechanism.

11. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 8, wherein said display device includes a liquid crystal display.

12. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 8, wherein said displayed image is displayed on said display device.

13. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 12, wherein said displayed image is controlled by said operation system.

14. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 13, wherein said operation system includes a shuttle ring, said shuttle ring providing a control to fast-forward said displayed image or to rewind said displayed image.

15. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 14, wherein said shuttle ring has a play button integrally disposed therein, said play button providing a control to play back said image displayed on said display device.

16. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 15, wherein said play button has a stop button integrally disposed therein, said stop button providing a control to stop operation of said camera.

17. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 13, wherein said operation system includes a pause button, said pause button providing a control to place said displayed image in a state of a still picture.

18. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 13, wherein said operation system includes a first memory button, said first memory button providing a control to store said image displayed on said display device within a recordable medium of said printer.

19. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 13, wherein said operation system includes a second memory button, said second memory button providing a control to access said image that has been stored within a recordable medium of said printer.

20. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 13, wherein said operation system includes an input picture button, said input picture button providing a control to input data indicative of said image into a recordable medium of said printer.

21. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 8, wherein said connector includes a signal input/output terminal and a plurality of guide rails.

22. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 21, wherein said guide rails being structurally adapted for guiding said camera onto said printer housing portion.

23. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 21, wherein said signal input/output terminal includes at least one contact member, said contact member being in electrical contact with said camera to provide a signal between said printer and said camera.

24. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 21, wherein said signal input/output terminal includes at least one contact member, said contact member being in electrical contact with said camera to provide power between said printer and said camera.

25. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 8, wherein said printer mechanism outputs said physical reproduction of said image being on a paper medium.

26. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 8, wherein said operation system is disposed on said printer housing portion.

27. (canceled).

28. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 8, wherein said connector includes a locking mechanism, said locking mechanism releasably securing said camera to said printer housing portion.

29. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 8, wherein said printer housing portion includes a signal input and output connection terminal disposed on said

printer housing portion, said signal input and output connection terminal electrically connecting said camera attached to said printer housing portion to said printer mechanism.

30. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 29, wherein said printer housing portion has a pair of guide rails, said guide rails being formed at a portion of said printer housing portion to which said camera is attached, and said guide rails guide an electrode terminal disposed on a bottom surface of said camera to the position at which said electrode terminal comes in contact with said input and output connection terminal.

31. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 8, wherein said camera is of a camera with a liquid-crystal display monitor, and said printer is operated while said image entered into said printer mechanism or the manner in which said printer mechanism is operated is visually confirmed on said display device.

32. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 8, wherein said operation system includes a shuttle ring for displaying on said display device in a play mode, pause mode, fast-forward mode or rewind mode a picture recorded as continuous motion images.

33. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 8, wherein said operation system includes a memory operation means for storing data indicative of a picture selected from said plurality of pictures recorded as continuous motion images by said camera in a memory of said printer.

34. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 8, wherein said operation system includes input operation means for entering data indicative of picture in a memory of said printer.

35. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 8, wherein said printer supports a camera operation switch and a printer operation switch.

36. (previously added) A printer according to claim 8, wherein said image is selected from a plurality of pictures, said plurality of pictures being recorded by said camera as continuous motion images.

37. (previously added) A printer according to claim 8, wherein said printer is a video printer.

38. (previously added) A printer according to claim 8, wherein said camera is a video camera.

39. (canceled).

40. (previously presented) A printer comprising:

a printer housing portion having a camera station for attaching a camera to said printer housing portion, said camera having a display device for displaying a picture, said display device being incorporated within said camera;

a printer mechanism incorporated within said printer housing portion for outputting a physical reproduction of said picture; and

an operation system incorporated within said printer housing portion for controlling said camera attached to said camera station to select said picture for display on said display device, and for controlling said printer mechanism to output a physical reproduction of said selected picture.

41. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 40, wherein said operation system includes a memory for storing said selected picture, said selected picture being stored within said memory before controlling said printer mechanism to output a physical reproduction of said selected picture.

42. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 40, wherein said operation system includes a printer setting means for setting the condition of said physical reproduction.

43. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 40, wherein when said camera is attached to said camera station, said printer mechanism is structurally adapted to output a physical reproduction of said selected picture and said display device is structurally adapted to project said picture along a corresponding direction.

44. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 40, wherein said camera station includes a locking mechanism for releasably securing said camera to said printer housing portion.

45. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 40, wherein said camera is adapted to operate separate and apart from said printer.

46. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 40, wherein said printer mechanism prints said selected picture on a printing paper as said physical reproduction of said selected picture.

47. (previously presented) A printer comprising:

a printer housing portion having a camera station for attaching a camera to said printer housing portion, said camera having a display device for displaying a picture, said display device being incorporated within said camera;

a printer mechanism incorporated within said printer housing portion for outputting a physical reproduction of said picture; and

an operation system incorporated within said printer housing portion for controlling said camera attached to said camera station to select said picture from a plurality of pictures recorded by said camera as continuous motion images for display on said display device, and for controlling said printer mechanism to output a physical reproduction of said selected picture.

48. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 47, wherein said operation system includes a memory for storing said selected picture, said selected picture being stored

within said memory before controlling said printer mechanism to output said physical reproduction of said selected picture.

49. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 48, wherein said operation system includes a printer setting means for setting the condition of said physical reproduction.

50. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 48, wherein when said camera is attached to said camera station, said printer mechanism is structurally adapted to output a physical reproduction of said selected picture and said display device is structurally adapted to project said picture along a corresponding direction.

51. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 47, wherein said operation system includes a printer setting means for setting the condition of said physical reproduction.

52. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 51, wherein when said camera is attached to said camera station, said printer mechanism is structurally adapted to output a physical reproduction of said selected picture and said display device is structurally adapted to project said picture along a corresponding direction.

53. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 49, wherein when said camera is attached to said camera station, said printer mechanism is structurally adapted to output a physical reproduction of said selected picture and said display device is structurally adapted to project said picture along a corresponding direction.

54. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 49, wherein said operation system includes a means for providing control to fast forward said continuous motion images or to rewind said continuous motion images.

55. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 47, wherein said camera station includes a locking mechanism for releasably securing said camera to said printer housing portion.

56. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 47, wherein said camera is adapted to operate separate and apart from said printer.

57. (previously presented) A printer according to claim 47, wherein said printer mechanism prints said selected picture on a printing paper as said physical reproduction of said selected picture.

58. (previously presented) A method for printing a picture from a camera having a display device for displaying the picture, the method comprising:

attaching said camera to a printer housing portion of a printer;

operating a camera operation system that controls said camera to select said picture for display on said display device; and

operating a printer operation system to output a physical reproduction of said selected picture from said printer,

wherein said camera operation system and said printer operation system are incorporated within said printer housing portion, and

wherein said display device is incorporated within said camera.

59. (previously presented) A method for printing according to claim 58, wherein said printer includes a memory for storing said selected picture, said selected picture being stored within said memory before outputting said physical reproduction of said selected picture.

60. (previously presented) A method for printing according to claim 58, wherein said printer includes a printer setting means for setting the condition of said physical reproduction.

61. (previously presented) A method for printing according to claim 58, wherein when said camera is attached to said printer housing portion, said printer mechanism is structurally adapted to output a physical reproduction of said selected picture and said display device is structurally adapted to project said picture along a corresponding direction.

62. (previously presented) A method for printing according to claim 58, wherein said printer housing portion includes a locking mechanism for releasably securing said camera to said printer housing portion.

63. (previously presented) A method for printing according to claim 58, wherein said camera is adapted to operate separate and apart from said printer.

64. (previously presented) A method for printing according to claim 58, wherein said selected picture is printed on a printing paper as said physical reproduction of said selected picture.

65. (previously presented) A method for printing a picture from a camera having a display device for displaying the picture, the method comprising:

attaching said camera to a printer housing portion of a printer;

operating a camera operation system that controls said camera to select said picture from a plurality of pictures recorded by said camera as continuous motion images for display on said display device; and

operating a printer operation system to output a physical reproduction of said selected picture from said printer,

wherein said camera operation system and said printer operation system are incorporated within said printer housing portion, and

wherein said display device is incorporated within said camera.

66. (previously presented) A method for printing according to claim 65, wherein said printer includes a memory for storing said selected picture, said selected picture being stored within said memory before outputting said physical reproduction of said selected picture.

67. (previously presented) A method for printing according to claim 65, wherein said printer includes a printer setting means for setting the condition of said physical reproduction.

68. (previously presented) A method for printing according to claim 65, wherein when said camera is attached to said printer housing portion, said printer mechanism is structurally adapted to output a physical reproduction of said selected picture and said display device is structurally adapted to project said picture along a corresponding direction.

69. (previously presented) A method for printing according to claim 65, wherein said printer housing portion includes a locking mechanism for releasably securing said camera to said printer housing portion.

70. (previously presented) A method for printing according to claim 65, wherein said camera is adapted to operate separate and apart from said printer.

71. (previously presented) A method for printing according to claim 65, wherein said selected picture is printed on a printing paper as said physical reproduction of said selected picture.